

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
04-009

2. STATE
Pennsylvania

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)
Title XIX

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
June 1, 2004

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

☐ NEW STATE PLAN

☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN

☒ AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
42 CFR 447 Subpart C

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2004 \$ 15,130,000.00
b. FFY 2005 \$ 14,715,000.00

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19A, Page 21c

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Additional Class Of Disproportionate Share Payments to hospitals located in the Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania accredited as trauma centers by the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

☐ GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

☐ COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

☐ NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

☒ OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

Review and approval authority has
been delegated to the Department of
Public Welfare

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

Estelle B. Richman

13. TYPED NAME:

Estelle B. Richman

14. TITLE:

Secretary of Public Welfare

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

16. RETURN TO:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Public Welfare
Office of Medical Assistance Programs
Bureau of Policy, Budget and Planning
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17. DATE RECEIVED:

JUN 14 2004

18. DATE APPROVED:

NOV 30 2004

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

JUN - 1 2004

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

[Signature]

21. TYPED NAME:

Carmen Keller

22. TITLE:

Deputy Director, CMSO

23. REMARKS:

Additional Disproportionate Share Payments

Effective June 1, 2004, the Department will make an additional disproportionate share payment to hospitals located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that are accredited as trauma centers by the Pennsylvania Trauma System Foundation (Foundation) in order to improve access to readily available and coordinated trauma care for the citizens of this Commonwealth. The Department has appropriated \$12.5 million for this initiative.

Level I and Level II Trauma Centers

The Department will allocate 90% of the total available funds to hospitals accredited as Level I and Level II trauma centers. 50% of this amount available for Level I and Level II trauma centers will be distributed equally among Level I and Level II trauma centers. 50% of the total amount available for Level I and Level II centers will be distributed on the basis of each trauma center's percentage of medical assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days compared to the Statewide total number of medical assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days for Level I and Level II trauma centers. For these payments, the Department will calculate payment to each qualifying hospital accredited as a Level I or Level II trauma centers using data provided by the Foundation.

Level III Trauma Centers

A hospital must be accredited by the Foundation as a Level III trauma center in order to qualify for these disproportionate share payments. The Foundation will accredit Level III trauma centers in accordance with established standards, based upon the guidelines for Level III trauma centers as defined by the American College of Surgeons. In addition to the established standards a hospital must meet all of the following criteria to qualify for Level III accreditation: (1) provide comprehensive emergency services, (2) have, on an annual basis, at least 4,000 inpatient admissions from its emergency department, (3) be located in a county without an accredited Level I or Level II trauma center and (4) not be located within 25 miles travel distance from a Level I or Level II trauma center.

The Department will allocate the 10% of the total available funds to hospitals accredited as Level III trauma centers. Until such time that data is available regarding each trauma center's percentage of medical assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days compared to the Statewide total number of medical assistance and uninsured trauma cases and patient days for Level III trauma centers, the available funds will be distributed equally to Level III trauma centers. Payment to each qualifying Level III trauma center may not be greater than 50% of the average Statewide annual payment to a Level II trauma center.